

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 11, 2005

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 1157**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Frommer**

February 22, 2005

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An act to ~~amend Section 164 of the Streets and Highways~~ add Section 14526.7 to the Government Code, relating to transportation.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1157, as amended, Frommer. ~~Transportation funding: capital improvement projects~~ *State highways: performance measures.*

*Existing law gives the Department of Transportation full possession and control of the state highways. Existing law requires the department to prepare a state highway operation and protection program for the expenditure of transportation funds for major capital improvements that are necessary to preserve and protect the state highway system.*

*This bill would require the department to develop specified performance measures to establish an evaluation and rating of the overall quality of the state highway system, and would require an annual report to the Legislature in that regard.*

~~Existing law establishes a policy for the use of transportation resources available to the state from the State Highway Account, the Public Transportation Account, and federal funds. The policy provides for expenditures on administration, maintenance and operation, rehabilitation, and various other priorities, with the remaining funds to be used for capital improvements. Of the funds available to the state for capital improvements, 25% are available for interregional improvements and 75% are available for regional improvements through the State Transportation Improvement Program process.~~

~~Existing law specifies the types of projects that may be funded with interregional funds, including state highway projects that are outside the boundaries of an urbanized area with a population of more than 50,000.~~

~~This bill would authorize interregional improvement funds to be used for state highway projects that are outside the boundaries of an urbanized area with a population of more than 60,000, thereby expanding the areas eligible for those funds.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     ~~SECTION 1. Section 164 of the Streets and Highways Code~~  
2     ~~is amended to read:~~  
3     ~~SECTION 1. Section 14526.7 is added to the Government~~  
4     ~~Code, to read:~~  
5     ~~14526.7. (a) The department shall develop performance~~  
6     ~~measures to establish an evaluation and rating of the overall~~  
7     ~~quality of the state highway system. The measures shall~~  
8     ~~demonstrate how resource, staffing, and programming decisions~~  
9     ~~impact the overall condition of the state highway system. The~~  
10    ~~measures shall address the number of distressed lane miles,~~  
11    ~~bridge conditions, and life cycle costs.~~  
12    ~~(b) In developing the performance measures specified in~~  
13    ~~subdivision (a), the department shall consult with the following:~~  
14    ~~(1) The commission.~~  
15    ~~(2) Regional transportation agencies.~~  
16    ~~(3) County transportation commissions.~~  
17    ~~(4) The Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of~~  
18    ~~California.~~  
19    ~~(5) Departments of transportation from other states.~~  
20    ~~(c) The department shall report annually, by no later than~~  
21    ~~March 31, on its activities and findings under this section to the~~  
22    ~~Assembly Committee on Transportation and the Senate~~  
23    ~~Committee on Transportation and Housing. The report shall also~~  
24    ~~be posted on the department's Web site.~~  
25    ~~164. (a) Funds made available for transportation capital~~  
26    ~~improvement projects under subdivision (c) of Section 163 shall~~

1 ~~be programmed and expended for the following program~~  
2 ~~categories:~~

3 ~~(1) Twenty-five percent for interregional improvements.~~

4 ~~(2) Seventy-five percent for regional improvements.~~

5 ~~(b) Sixty percent of the funds available for interregional~~  
6 ~~improvements under paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) shall be~~  
7 ~~programmed and expended for improvements to state highways~~  
8 ~~that are specified in Sections 164.10 to 164.20, inclusive, and~~  
9 ~~that are outside the boundaries of an urbanized area with a~~  
10 ~~population of more than 60,000, and for intercity rail~~  
11 ~~improvements.~~

12 ~~(c) Not less than 15 percent of the amount of funds~~  
13 ~~programmed under subdivision (b) shall be programmed for~~  
14 ~~intercity rail improvement projects, including grade separation~~  
15 ~~projects.~~

16 ~~(d) Funds made available under paragraph (1) of subdivision~~  
17 ~~(a) shall be used for transportation improvement projects that are~~  
18 ~~needed to facilitate interregional movement of people and goods.~~  
19 ~~The projects may include state highway, intercity passenger rail,~~  
20 ~~mass transit guideway, or grade separation projects.~~

21 ~~(e) Funds made available under paragraph (2) of subdivision~~  
22 ~~(a) shall be used for transportation improvement projects that are~~  
23 ~~needed to improve transportation within the region. The projects~~  
24 ~~may include, but shall not be limited to, state highway, local~~  
25 ~~road, public transit, intercity rail, pedestrian, bicycle facility,~~  
26 ~~grade separation, transportation system management,~~  
27 ~~transportation demand management, soundwall, intermodal~~  
28 ~~facility, and safety projects, and funds may also be used to match~~  
29 ~~federal funds.~~